

I am strongly opposed to your plans to air a 90-min. political advertisement in the guise of news.

I would also be opposed if anyone were to televise "Fahrenheit 911" in this manner. It is one thing to show something in theatres, where people pay to see it. It is quite another to disseminate it over the public airwaves disguised as news. At least Michael Moore did not try to pass off his movie as news. He freely admits that it is his opinion.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest.

Your actions may have a backlash that you have not foreseen. That you would wield such control over your stations as to order them to air this piece may alert more people to the dangers of media consolidation, and cause a reversal in the generous ownership laws that now exist.

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